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Directions:

You have been assigned to write a travel article for National Geographic about an Eastern Hemisphere country using the Five Themes of Geography as a focus. In your article, pretend that you have traveled through the country you selected. Write about your journey, focusing on a key event, experience, or moment in your journey. Be descriptive and include relevant geographic details gained from your research.

Content Requirements

Five Themes of Geography

Location–

Latitude and longitude

Capital city

Political boundaries: What countries border the country you are writing about?

Place

Climate/clothing to wear

Population

Religions

Culture

Languages

Use of land and natural resources: Is the land used for farming? Mining? Industry?

Region(s) in which that nation belongs

Movement

Transportation

Communication

Human-Environmental Interaction

How the environment affects the journey.

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Africa

Egypt

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National Geographic Kids

: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/egypt/

Mother Earth Travel

: http://motherearthtravel.com/egypt/geography.htm

Worldatlas.com

: <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/eg.htm>

Kenya

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/kenya/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/ke.htm

Mother Earth Travel

: http://motherearthtravel.com/kenya/index.htm

African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

<http://www.africa.upenn.edu/NEH/kgeography.htm>

Ghana

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/ghana/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/gh.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/ghana/index.htm

Ghana High Commission in Ottawa, Canada

<http://www.ghc-ca.com/frm-e-travel-tourism.html>

South Africa

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/content/kids/en\_US/explore/countries/south-africa/

South African Government Online

http://www.gov.za/about-sa

Worldatlas.com: http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/za.htm

Mother Earth Travel

: <http://motherearthtravel.com/south_africa/index.htm>

Asia

Japan

National Geographic Kids

: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/japan/

Worldatlas.com:http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/jp.htm

Mother Earth Travel: http://motherearthtravel.com/japan/index.htm

Japan: The Official Guidehttp://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/overview/

Vietnam

National Geographic Kids http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/vietnam/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/vn.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/vietnam/index.htm

Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

<http://vietnamembassy-usa.org/vietnam/geography>

Bhutan

National Geographic

http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/bhutan-facts/

Mother Earth Travel

: http://motherearthtravel.com/bhutan/index.htm

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/bt.htm

Visit Bhutan

http://www.visitbhutan.com/geography\_of\_bhutan.html

Israel

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/israel/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/il.htm

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/aboutisrael/land/pages/the%20land-%20geography%20and%20climate.aspx

Mother Earth Travel

<http://motherearthtravel.com/israel/index.htm>

India

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/india/

Worldatlas.com

: http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/in.htm

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Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/india/index.htm

MapsofIndia.com

: <http://www.mapsofindia.com/geography/>

Europe

United Kingdom

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/content/kids/en\_US/explore/countries/united-kingdom/

Worldatlas.com

: http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/europe/uk.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/united\_kingdom/index.htm

VisitBritain

: <http://www.visitbritain.com/en/US/>

The Netherlands

National Geographic Kids

: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/netherlands/

Worldatlas.com

: http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/europe/nl.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/netherlands/index.htm

The Hague University of Applied Sciences

<http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/why-study-in-holland/general>

Greece

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/greece/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/europe/gr.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/greece/index.htm

Greeka.com

: <http://www.greeka.com/greece-geography/>

Switzerland

National Geographic Kids

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/content/kids/en\_US/explore/countries/switzerland/

Worldatlas.com

http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/europe/ch.htm

Mother Earth Travel

http://motherearthtravel.com/switzerland/index.htm

MySwitzerland.com

http://www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/about-switzerland/geographic-facts.html